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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 1997)

Docket No. R97-1

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS

The Association of American Publishers (AAP) hereby gives notice of its intervention in the above-captioned proceeding in accordance with Section 39 U.S.C. section 3624 and section 20 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

AAP is the principal representative of the book publishing industry in the United States. Its members include large and small publishing houses as well as university, religious and non-profit publishers. The members of AAP make extensive use of all classes of mail. However, they make particular use of the parcel classes--Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Special Standard and Library Rate Subclasses--for which changes are proposed. Accordingly, AAP is vitally interested in the outcome of this proceeding and, in order to preserve its rights to participate actively in any hearings, conferences, or other proceedings that may be required, files this notice of intervention.

AAP intends to be an active participant in this proceeding. Copies of all documents relating to this proceeding should be served upon Richard M. Schmidt, Jr., Mark L. Pelesh, and Kevin M. Goldberg, Cohn and Marks, 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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